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Funds and Vacancies for Security in Railway
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget allocated by the Government for security related activities during the last two years and the amount of funds utilised and the reasons for the difference between funds allocated and utilised during the said time period;
(b) the number of posts in various categories along with security related posts lying vacant, zonal/division-wise; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill the vacant posts and improve the execution of security related work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Budget is allocated under head Security for incurring expenditure on the Railway Protection Force (RPF) [office establishment, arms, ammunition, accoutrement and contingent etc.] and sharing of 50% cost on Government Railway Police (GRP) with States under Demand No. 12 (Miscellaneous Working Expenses). Details of allocation of budget during last two years is as under-
(in crores of rupees)

2013-14 (Budget)	2013-14 (Actual)	2014-15 (Budget)	2014-15(Revised)
3282.57	2945.17	3546.25	3473.41

Marginal difference between funds allocated and utilized is due to factors like settlement of GRP dues and market dynamics affecting supply of arms, ammunition and accoutrement, etc.
In addition to above, need based allocation of fund for creation of assets and procurement of plant and equipment etc. relating to the security establishment are also undertaken in Demand No. 16 under Plan Outlay by different zonal Railways and fund is utilized by the zonal Railways as per laid down norms.
(b)&(c): At present, about 6600 vacancies in various ranks from Constable to Junior Scale officers exist in the Railway Protection Force over different zonal Railways. Arising of and filling up of vacancies is an ongoing process. Recruitment process for filling up of 763 vacancies of ancillary staff in RPF is in advance stage and notification for filling up of vacancies of 2030 female candidates has also been issued. Constant monitoring is done and efforts are made to ensure timely completion of the security related works and optimum utilization of available funds.
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